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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

September 8, 2004

Title: **METAL CUTTING PROCESS**
Inventor: **BERTUZZI, Renato *et al***
Assignee: **National Steel Car Limited**
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Serial No: **09/752,141**
Art Unit: **3742**
Examiner: **Quang T. Van**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action, made Final, of June 8, 2004 and is timely filed before the due date of September 8, 2004. No fees are due for excess claims.

Amendments to the Specification: None at this time.

Amendments to the Claims: Begin on Page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings: None at this time.

Remarks: Begin on Page 5.